

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TEHRAN 07574 261319Z

56

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 H-02 /013 W
----- 017595
R 261210Z JUL 76
FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8297

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 7574

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EGEN SCUL, IR
SUBJ: INFORMATION RE CASINO GAMBLING
IN IRAN

REF: STATE 171717

1. PERMISSION TO OPERATE GAMBLING CASINOS IN IRAN
CAN BE GRANTED ONLY BY THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY. SUCH
ESTABLISHMENTS TECHNICALLY ARE ILLEGAL.

2. THE PAHLAVI FONDATION REPORTEDLY HAS A
CONTROLLING INTEREST IN CASINOS AT RAMSAR AND
NAMAKABRUD, ON THE CASPIAN, AND AT ABELI.
THESE FALL UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF SENATOR
ZIAI, PRESIDENT, IRAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY
AND MINES, TEHRAN. IN ADDITION, THE PRIVATELY OWNED
VARIAN CASINO OPERATES AT KARAJ, A SUBURB OF TEHRAN.
MANAGING DIRECTOR IS MR. AHMAD GHASEBII, 31 AFSHIN
STREET, SHAH ABBAS AVENUE, TEHRAN. IT IS RUMORED
THAT ANOTHER PRIVATE CLUB(CASINO) WITH FRENCH
INTERESTS IN COOPERATION WITH A MR. KHORRAM
WILL SOON OPEN WEST OF TEHRAN; HOWEVER, NO
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO THE
EMBASSY, REGARDING THE PARTICIPANTS,
INCLUDING THE ADDRESS OF MR. KHORRAM.

3. FYI: ALTHOUGH THERE SHOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY
IN THE COMMISSION COMMUNICATING WITH THE PRIVATELY
OWNED ESTABLISHMENT, THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TEHRAN 07574 261319Z

SENATOR ZIAI AND/OR THE PAHLAVI FOUNDATION WOULD

BE MOST DISPLEASED AT RECEIVING ANY TYPE OF FORMAL
COMMUNICATION ON THIS SUBJECT.
HELMS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LAW, GAMBLING
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 JUL 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: SmithRJ
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976TEHRAN07574
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760286-1009
From: TEHRAN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760720/aaaaarmw.tel
Line Count: 64
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 STATE 171717
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: SmithRJ
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 08 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <08 JUN 2004 by greeneet>; APPROVED <08 OCT 2004 by SmithRJ>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: INFORMATION RE CASINO GAMBLING IN IRAN
TAGS: EGEN, SCUL, IR
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006